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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR ANNENBERG

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, UK, US

SUBJECT: LONDON TIMES CRITICISM

1. I HAVE NOTED IN TODAY'S (JAN. 31) TIMES YOUR  
RESPONSE TO THE REPORT IN THE TIMES OF JANUARY 26  
THAT YOUR AIRPORT MEETINGS WITH SIR ALEC COULD BE  
TAKEN AS A DISCOURTESY TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY.

2. WHEN THE TIMES PUBLISHED THIS ALLEGATION AS A  
PARAGRAPH IN A SERIES OF UNRELATED ITEMS BY COLUMNIST  
GEORGE HUTCHINSON, I CONSIDERED WRITING A LETTER TO  
EDITOR WILLIAM REES MOGG BUT CONCLUDED IT WOULD NOT  
BE FITTING TO GIVE THIS MISCHIEVOUS STORY ENHANCEMENT  
BY FURTHER PUBLICITY. I ASKED MY DCM TO GET IN TOUCH  
WITH SIR ALEC'S PRIVATE SECRETARY WHO AGREED WITH MY  
CONCLUSION. HE DESCRIBED THE REPORT AS "A SILLY  
LITTLE ARTICLE WHICH SHOULD BE IGNORED". SIR ALEC,  
HE STRESSED, WAS NOT WORRIED ABOUT GOING TO THE AIR-  
PORT TO MEET YOU, AND WELCOMED OPPORTUNITIES TO TALK  
WITH YOU. SIR ALEC'S PRIVATE SECRETARY FURTHER STATED  
THAT IF THEY WERE QUERIED ABOUT THE STORY THEY WOULD  
RESPOND WITH SOME APPROPRIATE COMMENT LIKE "RUBBISH".  
HOWEVER, WHEN NEXT I SEE REES MOGG I PLAN TO PROTEST  
DIRECTLY TO HIM ABOUT THE STORY, AS WELL AS THE RECENT  
MISCHIEVOUS ARTICLES WHICH HAVE APPEARED IN THE TIMES  
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